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SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL U.S. EQUIPMENT GRANTS TO IAEA FOR 1976

REF: A) STATE 35922, B) STATE 173423

- 1. MISSION HAS TENTATIVELY PROPOSED TO AGENCY (KENYERES) THAT U.S. GOVERNMENT PICK UP SEVERAL FOOT NOTE A PROJECTS IN FORM OF EQUIPMENT GRANTS AND ONE EXPERT FOR 1976 IN ADDITION TO THOSE LISTED REF. A, WHICH WERE FORMALLY OFFERED BY USG IN LETTER TO ACTING DG BITTENCOURT, JULY 23, 1976.
- 2. PROJECTS MISSION HAS PROPOSED (FROM DOCUMENT GOV/COM 8/53/ADD. 1; GOV/1765/ADD.1) ARE AS FOLLOWS: BANGLADESH, RESEARCH REACTOR DESIGN, \$35,000. COLOMBIA, GAMMA SPECTROMETRY, \$14,000 PLUS EXPERT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOR TWO MONTHS AT \$6,000. TOTAL OF \$20,000.

ISRAEL, ACTIVATION ANALYSIS, \$13,000. PHILIPPINES, ELECTRON PARAMAGNETIC RESONANCE SPECTROSCOPY, \$25,000. YUGOSLAVIA, USE OF RADIOISOTOPES IN INDUSTRY, \$10,000.

TOTAL VALUE OF FIVE PROJECTS IS \$103,000.

- 3. IN REF A, MISSION WAS GIVEN LIST OF EQUIPMENT GRANT PROJECTS TOTALLING \$426,000. FORMAL OFFER WAS MADE BY MISSION LETTER OF JULY 23, 1976 IN THIS AMOUNT, FOLLOWING CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON AID APPROPRIATION. REF B, HOWEVER, AUTHORIZED (IN PARA. 2 B.3) \$582,000 FOR EQUIPMENT GRANTS, LEAVING BALANCE OF \$156,000 STILL TO BE OFFERED TO AGENCY FOR 1976 U.S. EQUIPMENT GRANTS. OF THIS \$156,000, MISSION BELIEVES \$36,000 SHOULD BE ALLOCATED TO PICK UP EXPERT SERVICES UNDER THREE FOOTNOTE A PROJECTS OFFERED IN JULY 23 LETTER. (FYI: THESE ARE: KOREA, \$18,000; MALAYSIA, \$9,000; AND URUGUAY, \$9,000. MISSION IS CURRENTLY SEEKING JOB DESCRIPTIONS FROM AGENCY FOR THESE PROJECTS AND WILL POUCH WHEN RECEIVED. END FYI).
- 4. REMAINING \$120,000 IS AVAILABLE FOR ADDITIONAL FOOTNOTE A PROJECTS LISTED ABOVE, WITH SOME RESERVE FOR COST OVERRUNS ON ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT ESTIMATES. AGENCY (KENYERES) HAS ASSURED MISSION THAT ALL FIVE PROJECTS COULD UTILIZE U.S. EQUIPMENT.
- 4. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. DEPARTMENT/ERDA WILL RECALL THAT U.S. HAS INFORMED IAEA THAT U.S. INTENDS TO GIVE PREFERENCE TO NPT PARTIES IN ALLOCATING ITS CONTRIBUTION-IN-KIND THROUGH IAEA. OF COUNTRIES MENTIONED PARA. 2 ABOVE, ONLY PHILIPPINES AND YUGOSLAVIA ARE NPT PARTIES. OTHER COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE FOOTNOTE A PROJECTS NOT RPT NOT BEING IMPLEMENTED DUE TO LACK OF FUNDS INCLUDE 1) FEW NPT PARTIES; 2) COUNTRIES FOR WHICH WE WOULD NOT RPT NOT CONSIDER GRANTS IN ANY EVENT, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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E.G., CUBA AND OTHER COMMUNITS COUNTRIES; OR 3) COUNTRIES IN WHICH SOVIET OR OTHER NON-U.S. EQUIPMENT IS INTENDED TO BE DELIVERED. U.S. HAS ALREADY THEREFORE GIVEN PREFERENCE TO NPT PARTIES IN ALLOCATING EQUIPMENT GRANTS FOR 1976, AND IN PROPOSING ADDITONAL SUCH GRANTS. OF COUNTRIES MENTIONED PARA. 2 ABOVE THAT ARE NOT RPT NOT NPT PARTIES (BANGLADESH, COLOMBIA AND ISRAEL),

BANGLADESH IS SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING NPT RATIFICATION AND PURCHASE OF A U.S.- SUPPLIED RESEARCH REACTOR, TO WHICH EQUIPMENT GRANT IS RELATED; COLOMBIA HAS BEEN SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING NPT RATIFICATION AND IS PARTY TO TREATY OF TLATELOLCO; AND ISRAEL, WHILE NOT RPT NOT PARTY TO NPT HAS A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP TO U.S., WHICH MAKES U.S. SUPPORT OF THE PROJECT INDICATED WORTHY OF CONSIDERATION. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.

5. IN SUM, THE MISSION BELIEVES THE U.S. HAS SATISFIED ITS POLICY OF GIVING PREFERENCE TO NPT PARTIES, AND TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE OTHER FACTORS NOTED ABOVE, THE MISSION RECOMMENDS THAT THE U.S. APPROVE MAKING AN OFFER TO THE IAEA TO PROVIDE THE ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE MENTIONED IN PARA 2 ABOVE, INCLUDING TO THE NON-NPT PARTIES INDICATED.

6. PLEASE ADVISE. STONE

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